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I.

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL INFORMATION.

Colombia.

The last rails of the Cartagena-Magdalena railway were laid on June 3, and the line will probably be declared open for through traffic in connection with the Magdalena River, by July 15. This railroad is in the Republic of Colombia, and extends from Cartagena, on the Caribbean Sea, to Calamar, on the Magdalena River. This river, with its tributaries, is navigable for 500 miles, reaching nearly to Bogota, the capital, and drains a territory immensely rich in coffee, cacao, tropical fruits, and valuable woods of various kinds. The precious metals are also found in abundance.

It is believed that the facilities offered by the completion of this road will largely increase our present trade with that country.

The enterprise is owned by Americans.

The Chilean Government has issued a decree ordering all customs duties to be paid in gold.

A German company will shortly put on a fortnightly line of steamers between Buenos Ayres and English ports, making the voyage in fifteen days.

Over 1,000,000 bags of wheat were exported from the city of Buenos Aires during the first quarter of the present year.

The new port of Barrios, on the Atlantic coast of Guatemala, has been declared open for traffic. A pier 1,200 feet long, affording a

depth of water of 22 feet alongside, has just been finished; railway tracks extend the entire length of the pier, enabling vessels to load or unload their cargoes directly into the cars.

Barrios is the northern terminus of a railway, one-third of which is finished, designed to be extended to Guatemala City, the capital of the Republic.

When the line is finished the time of transit from ocean to ocean by this new Isthmian route will be ten hours. San José, on the Pacific, will be the southern terminus.

The plans of the North Peru Company for the irrigation of the valley of Piura have been approved. The scheme involves about \$5,000,000 of American capital.

II.

GOLD MINING IN BRITISH GUIANA.

(Correction of Bulletin, November, 1893.)

The item regarding "Gold Mining in British Guiana" published in the Bulletin of November, 1893, contains information which is alleged to be misleading. The item in question refers to the development of alleged gold mines in British Guiana. It is claimed on the part of Venezuela that these mines are located in territory over which England has no authority.

That a boundary dispute has existed between Venezuela and Great Britain for a long time is a matter of history, and not of opinion. The report inserted on page 16 of the November Bulletin of this Bureau, under the heading "Gold Mining in British Guiana" was published merely by way of commercial information, and there was in the item reference to no expression of opinion as to the boundaries or rights of either government. The information thus published was taken from a newspaper item conveying information of actual work in certain territory and referring to exports from Georgetown. For the reasons stated, no connection with the controversy between the Republic of Venezuela and Great Britain can properly be ascribed

to the publication in the Bulletin of this Bureau, nor can any unfavorable conclusion be drawn therefrom respecting the rights of Venezuela. That question still remains to be settled.

“O Minas de oro En la Guayana Inglesa.”

El artículo que se publicó en el Boletín correspondiente al mes de Noviembre de 1893, con el título de “Gold Mining in British Guiana,” ó *Minas de oro en la Guayana inglesa*, contiene manifestaciones que se han estimado susceptibles de recibir una interpretación equivocada. En ese artículo se habló del desarrollo que había tenido la industria por el descubrimiento de ciertas minas de oro que se dijo estaban situadas en la Guayana inglesa. Pero Venezuela reclama contra esta expresión y afirma que las minas de que se trata están situadas en un territorio sobre el cual nunca tuvo Inglaterra soberanía.

Es un hecho bien sabido, que pertenece á la historia y que no depende de opiniones particulares, el de que existe y está pendiente entre Venezuela y la Gran Bretaña, por lo que respecta á la Guayana, una cuestión de límites. Y si en la página 16 del citado Boletín de Noviembre se inserto el artículo á que se ha hecho referencia, encabezándolo “Gold Mining in British Guiana,” no se tuvo con ello el objeto de expresar opinión alguna respecto de los meritos de la controversia, ni aventurar juicio sobre los derechos del uno ó del otro Gobierno, sino se quiso simplemente dar publicidad á una noticia que se creyo de valor ó importancia para el comercio.

Los datos que contiene el artículo se tomaron de una publicación en que se daba cuenta de los trabajos de minería que se habían llevado á cabo en aquel territorio, y de las exportaciones efectuadas por Georgetown.

No puede, por lo tanto, establecerse relación ó conexión de ninguno clase directa ó indirecta, entre la referida publicación hecha por esta Oficina, en el Boletín de Noviembre último, y la controversia pendiente entre Venezuela y la Gran Bretaña. De nada que allí se haya dicho podrá nunca, por ningún concepto, derivarse ninguna conclusión, ni argumento, desfavorable á los derechos de Venezuela. El asunto estaba entonces, como lo está todavía, pendiente de resolución.



